

CLAIMS

1. A storage apparatus comprising:
a first digital interface having a first port;
and
5 a second digital interface having a second port,
wherein the second port is set in a disabled
state if a first external apparatus connected to the
first port accesses a removable medium; and
the first port is set in the disabled state if
10 a second external apparatus connected to the second
port accesses the removable medium.
2. A storage apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein if the first port is set in the
15 disabled state, the first port is placed in a state
where electrical connection with the first external
apparatus is impossible, and
if the second port is set in the disabled state,
the second port is placed in a state where electrical
20 connection with the second external apparatus is
impossible.
3. A storage apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the first digital interface is pursuant
25 to one of an IEEE1394-1995 standard and its extended
standard.

4. A storage apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the second digital interface is
pursuant to one of a USB 1.1 standard and its
extended standard.

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5. A storage apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the storage apparatus is a digital
video camera.

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6. A control method applied to a storage
apparatus including a first digital interface and a
second digital interface, the first digital interface
having a first port and the second digital interface
having a second port,

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the control method comprising the steps of:

setting the second port in a disabled state if
a first external apparatus connected to the first
port accesses a removable medium; and

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setting the first port in the disabled state if
a second external apparatus connected to the second
port accesses the removable medium.

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7. A control method according to claim 6,
wherein if the first port is set in the
disabled state, the first port is placed in a state
where electrical connection with the first external
apparatus is impossible, and

if the second port is set in the disabled state, the second port is placed in a state where electrical connection with the second external apparatus is impossible.

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8. A control method according to claim 6, wherein the first digital interface is pursuant to one of an IEEE1394-1995 standard and its extended standard.

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9. A control method according to claim 6, wherein the second digital interface is pursuant to one of a USB 1.1 standard and its extended standard.

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10. A control method according to claim 6, wherein the storage apparatus is a digital video camera.

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11. A storage apparatus comprising:
a first digital interface having a first port;
and
a second digital interface having a second port,
wherein if the first digital interface receives
25 a predetermined command, the second port is set in a disabled state; and
if the second digital interface receives the

predetermined command, the first port is set in the disabled state.

12. A storage apparatus according to claim 11,
5 wherein if the first port is set in the disabled state, the first port is placed in a state where electrical connection with the first external apparatus is impossible, and

if the second port is set in the disabled state,
10 the second port is placed in a state where electrical connection with the second external apparatus is impossible.

13. A storage apparatus according to claim 11,
15 wherein the first digital interface is pursuant to one of an IEEE1394-1995 standard and its extended standard.

14. A storage apparatus according to claim 11,
20 wherein the second digital interface is pursuant to one of a USB 1.1 standard and its extended standard.

15. A storage apparatus according to claim 11,
25 wherein the storage apparatus is a digital video camera.

16. A control method applied to a storage apparatus including a first digital interface and a second digital interface, the first digital interface having a first port and the second digital interface
5 having a second port,

the control method comprising the steps of:

setting the second port in a disabled state if the first digital interface receives a predetermined command; and

10 setting the first port in the disabled state if the second digital interface receives the predetermined command.

17. A control method according to claim 16,
15 wherein if the first port is set in the disabled state, the first port is placed in a state where electrical connection with the first external apparatus is impossible, and

if the second port is set in the disabled state,
20 the second port is placed in a state where electrical connection with the second external apparatus is impossible.

18. A control method according to claim 16,
25 wherein the first digital interface is pursuant to one of an IEEE1394-1995 standard and its extended standard.

19. A control method according to claim 16,
wherein the second digital interface is
pursuant to one of a USB 1.1 standard and its
extended standard.

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20. A control method according to claim 16,
wherein the storage apparatus is a digital
video camera.